

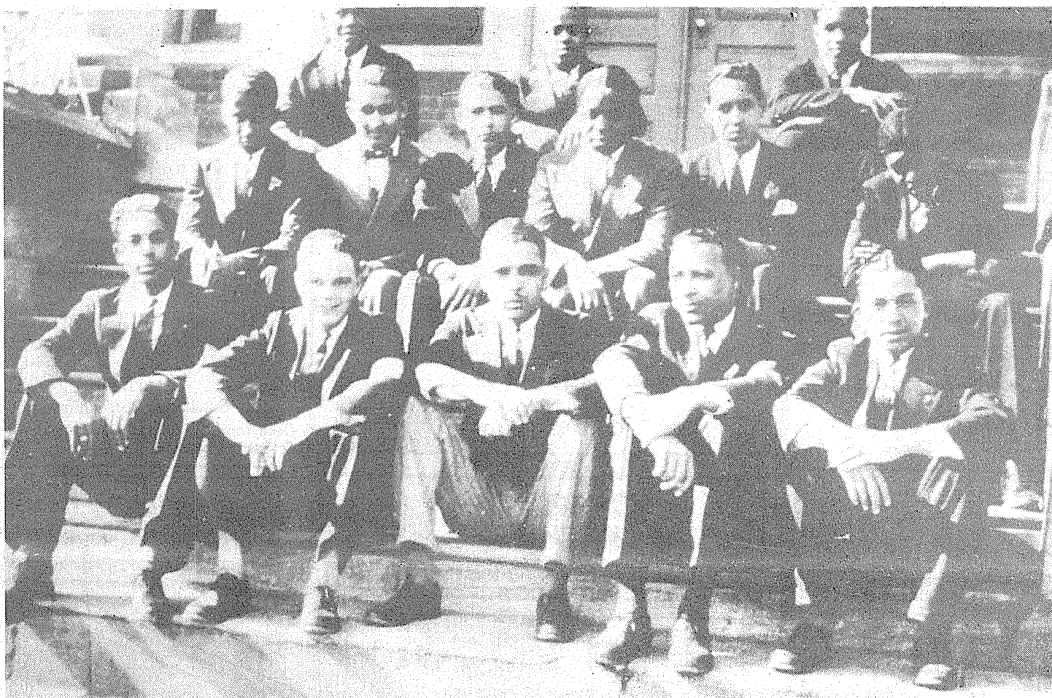
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Shown in this 1920's Lincoln University photo is a very famous person with ties to Southwest. See Page 12 for the answer.

SOUTHWEST HERALDS A LIVING LEGEND

SEE STORY, PAGE 12

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY APRIL MEETING

On Thursday April 30, at 7:30 p.m., the SWNA will hold its monthly meeting at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M Street, S.W. The topic of discussion will be the African American Bone Marrow Donor Program. SWNA will lend its support to the program, in conjunction with the National Marrow Donor Program Eastern Region Office, American Red Cross and the Greater Washington African American Marrow Donor Recruitment Campaign, by helping to increase the number of African American donors.

To increase awareness of this serious

situation and to add more African American volunteers to the National Marrow Donor Program registry, a two-year marrow recruitment campaign titled "African American Uniting for Life" was launched on January 25, 1992. The goal is to recruit and register 10,000 African American donors in the Washington metropolitan area over the next two years. The SWNA is helping the Program by making SW residents aware of the problem.

Come and learn about this problem at the SWNA meeting and you can become a volunteer on **Saturday, May 23, 1992** at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M Street SW from 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. You can increase the odds of African American patients finding a compatible marrow match. You may recall Washington area resident JoAnne Johnson who after a widely publicized marrow donor recruitment campaign lost her fight against leukemia because a match could not be found. Don't let this happen again. For more information, call 1-800-654-1247.

CORRECTION

The front page of the SOUTHWESTER incorrectly identified Chief Maurice Turner in the front page of the April 1992 issue. The correct person on the panel was Chief Issac Fulwood.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

A Book Sale sponsored by The Friends of the Southwest Library will be held on Wednesday May 6, 1992, from 10:00 to 4:00 pm. The sale will be at the Waterside Mall. Until then, I'll see you at the Southwest library, Wesley Place & K Street.

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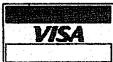
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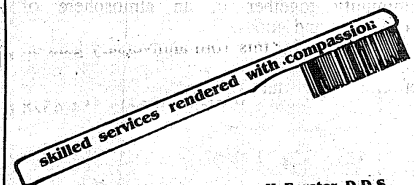
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YATF CELEBRATES a DECADE of COMMITMENT in HELPING SOUTHWEST YOUTH to GROW

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) Tenth Anniversary Reception on Thursday, May 14, 5:00 - 8:00 at the Harbour Square Club Room, 500 N Street, SW. This event will include renditions by singer Robin "Sugar" Williams and entertainer Nathan Heathman. A brief recognition program will be emceed by former SWNA President Thelma D. Jones. Refreshments are being provided compliments of Crepe ala Carte, Safeway, YATF members, and restaurants on the Southwest Waterfront.

The YATF was organized in the Spring of 1982 by a group of volunteers to provide summer jobs, training, and mentoring to youth ages 14 to 19. In its ten years, the YATF has provided summer jobs for over 400 youth in organizations such as The World Bank, American Bar Association, HUD, Harbour Square Condominiums and many others. Some YATF graduates have completed post-secondary education or are currently enrolled in college.

Each year the YATF holds a fundraiser to help support its mission. According to Dr. Beryl C. Rice, YATF Chairperson, "in addition to being a fundraiser, the event has for years served to bring the disparate Southwest community together in an atmosphere of cooperation and goodwill."

Join us for this 10th anniversary gala on May 14 and be part of a sound investment in the betterment of our community. For further information, please call Walter Brooks 554-4528

S.W. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Plans are underway for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Scholarship Committee to have a "Garage Sale/Farmers Market" fundraising event to support our community's youth who will receive scholarships for 1992 - 1993. We hope to have the event in mid May or early June. Look for the fliers announcing WHEN & WHERE. Plans are underway for a few residents to be able to rent space at the sale, bring a table and sell their own items. We hope that the rest will pitch in and buy everything in sight. For more information phone Casandra Singleton at: 202-484-7193.

Also, students interested in applying for one of the scholarships, remember - the deadline is May 1. Also, anyone wishing to send a check to the Scholarship fund, the address is P.O.B. 70481, Washington, D.C. 20077-0024

PICNIC TIME WITH THE ORANGE HATS

Stan Williams announces the second anniversary of the Southwest Coalition (Orange Hats) Neighborhood Patrol, on Saturday, April 15th., 10 AM to 6 PM. Ft. McNair, Picnic Area. All present and former Orange Hats and interested people are invited. Hot dogs and sodas.



Sen. Paul Simon applauds SWNA meeting

ANC REPORT

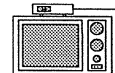
At its April 13, 1992 meeting, the Commission:

1. Heard Metro representatives reporting on bus service for the SW/SE area, announce that the M-2, previously slated for elimination would be retained, and that no other major changes in area service are planned.
2. Voted to urge Metro to a) appoint a "project manager" to inform the affected property owners concerning proposed acquisitions of land for the SE Bus Garage; b) to follow this procedure for all future acquisitions.; c) to provide every affected person, tenant as well as property owner, with a detailed plan prior to the acquisition hearing for any acquisition proposal; and, d) to delay the April 22, hearing for 30 days.
3. Deferred a decision on participating in a committee proposed by Office of Planning to advise them on the Buzzard Point/Near Southeast area.
4. Took no position on the GSA's draft Environmental Impact Statement for their headquarters building at the Southeast Federal Center.
5. Heard George Vincent, representing Admiral Security, describe his company's security procedures for Waterside Mall.
6. Voted to join ANC's 2A and 2E in opposing GSA's plan to build 130 feet high smoke stacks at 13th and C SW.
7. Voted to oppose Normandie Liquors', 83 M Street SE, application to renew their liquor license. The Commission also voted to endorse Harry's Liquors, 401 M SW, renewal application.
8. Deferred consideration of a request to renew its opposition of the Barney Circle freeway project to its next meeting on May 11.
9. Approved the Jan-Mar. quarterly financial report.

The next ANC meeting will be Monday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at 400 I Street SW. The agenda tentatively includes discussion of: (a) proposed heliport on Buzzard Point, and (b) voluntary agreements for liquor license renewals.

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MEET MARY ANN BAILER...5-6-7-8

by Jerry Blasenstein

A friendly face and a warm greeting, always there. Maybe you've seen her at the Safeway. Could be you've attended "Riverfest" or the "Southwest Festival of the Arts" approached Stage 2, and seen a class of little ballet dancers performing "Waltz of the Flowers", or a group of adults sweating it out to jumping jacks, sit-ups, and otherwise Workin' out at the Waterfront. Could be you've encountered her during an early morning walk. Perhaps you already know her. If so, say hello again. If not, meet her now. Mary Ann Bailer.

Coming to Washington, D.C. (the Southwest) from Detroit, Michigan in 1960, Mary Ann has been a fixture in this community right from the start. Settling in at the brand new Capitol Park Apartments on G Street, [they were still working on the grass] Mary Ann started her illustrious activities in the Kennedy Administration, acting as a hostess of several Kennedy functions at the White House and State Department. It was during this time that she met many famous [Kennedy, Johnson, Humphrey, et. al.] and not-so-famous people and established many new connections. In 1966, she moved into her 'palace' on H Street, S.W., a beautiful townhouse at Town Square.

Throughout the remainder of the 1960's, Mary Ann performed much volunteer work. Her specialty then, as now, in the field of exercise and nutrition, took her to the Greenleaf Recreation Center, among other places, where she taught many of the mothers and their children. Along with exercise, she taught Tap, Acrobatics, and Ballet. Among numerous awards was one from the Southwest Community Service, noting her efforts. A big activity in Southwest was the "NO EXIT" Coffee House, which she founded and operated at St. Augustine's as a Youth center. It was to the "NO EXIT" that neighborhood kids would come, and Mary Ann always had the best in entertainment and social activities. She also staged a production of "Alice in Wonderland" at Jefferson JHS, drawing some 225 auditioners.

In 1969-70, her volunteer activities took



Dancer Mary Ann Bailer

her to the United Planning Organization, where she worked as a counselor and job developer for ex-offenders, often going to prospective employers and convincing them to hire someone.

From then, until January 1992, when she finally decided to retire and really get busy, Mary Ann worked at the UDC Cooperative Extension Service. During this period, she participated in outreach programs, teaching exercise and nutrition to people at the public libraries, senior citizens centers, and schools. She ended with the Infant Mortality program, advising young mothers-to-be in pre-natal care, and following them, one-on-one, through post-natal.

Mary Ann still has time to savor the fine things in life, enjoying theater and traveling and the closeness of her family and friends. She has touched many lives, dispensed sound advice when asked, and remained forever young. Mary Ann plans to continue her evening classes in "Stretch, Twist, and Flex", as well as classes in Tap and Ballet.

When asked her outlook on life, Mary Ann replies, "You have to have a positive attitude-you must eat right-a variety of foods; move your body-exercise, dance, walking; and stay away from negative influences." This philosophy has worked in keeping her young and in touch. It is one that should be examined by many.

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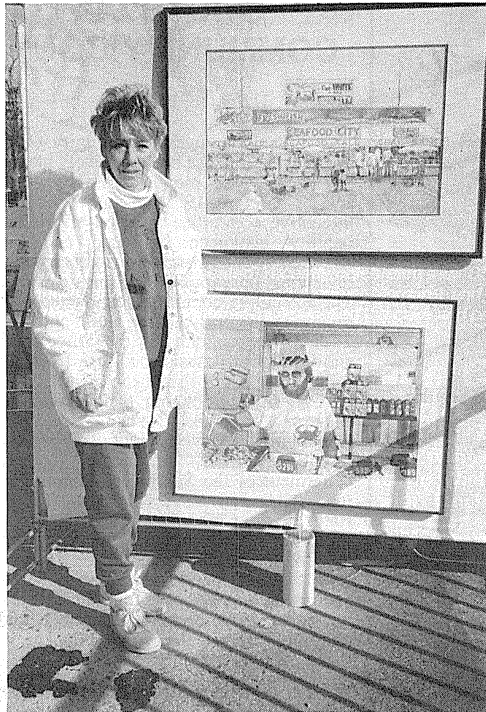
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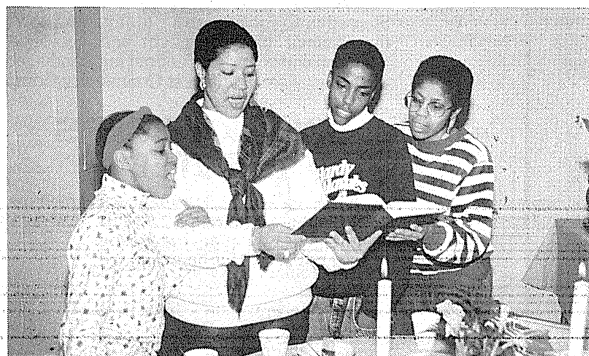
Watercolorist Elaine Hahn beside her works.



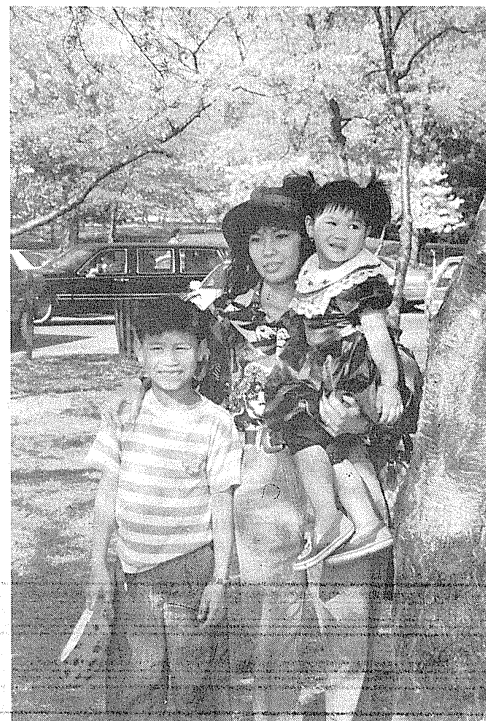
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Barbara Franklin shown in her Capitol Gallery shop.

Barbara Hayes Franklin: Card Shop Owner

By Ramona Turner

Fifteen years ago Barbara Hayes Franklin had a dream and desire to own and operate her own card shop. Franklin's dream came true in 1987 when she took over an existing card shop and became the new owner of Frankie's Hallmark located in the Capital Gallery Office Building at 600 Maryland Avenue, SW. Franklin was inspired to own a card shop because, she says, "Opening up a card shop was something that I knew I would enjoy because I love cards."

Before becoming the owner of Frankie's Hallmark, Franklin had twenty years experience working in the public relations offices of three international labor unions. She was also a freelance writer and public relations specialist. Before opening her own retail business, she had the opportunity to work in a Management Training Program at Michelle's Hallmark for over 18 months. Working under the supervision of her mentors, Franklin learned about the card shop business. Franklin was determined to be prepared before she started her own business and she suggests that anyone considering opening up their own business be prepared as well.

Besides gifts and cards, the shop also carries such items as wrapping paper, bows and party products. Franklin says "Our most popular items are frames, small gifts and helium balloons, which I introduced to my card shop because they are very popular." In addition, there is a wide selection of personalized wedding invitations, business cards and stationery.

For the past three years, Franklin has operated a home-based business selling wedding and party invitations, so she brought that business into her card shop business. She states, "Customers will always buy a card even if they cannot afford a gift; sometimes they will even buy a small item to accompany the card such as a small satin rose to put on the outside of the envelope."

In the past, Franklin has been part of many professional and community organizations. She has been part of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, The Hensen Valley Civic Association, the Prince George's County Commission for Women, the Office and Professional Employees International Union and the National Council of Negro Women.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

by C.W. Hargrave, President

The Southwest Community Council, as an organization, has been relatively inactive over the past twelve months. Based on Council action at the 1991 Annual Meeting, the Executive committee initiated efforts to obtain liability insurance for paid and volunteer workers. The insurance company has been reviewing our application for several months. The Executive committee conducted a progress review of the *Southwester* and Youth Activities Task Forces programs for the Office of Business and Community Assistance, Inc. [OBICA], since these Task Forces had been awarded grants by OBICA. In addition, an adhoc committee had suggested that the Council be designated a Community Development corporation by Republic Properties to receive funds for the betterment of the Southwest community. This request has since been withdrawn. The financial status of the Council is healthy as the separate Treasurer's report indicates, thanks primarily to the Youth Activities Task Force funding.

The Council has been frustrated in its attempt to serve as the fundraising arm of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and to be representative of the community in a larger sense. To counter this frustration, I am making the following proposals and ask that the Council Executive Committee and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board consider these proposals expeditiously.

1. Council Membership. The members of the current Council are almost exclusively Assembly Board members or Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. Article X of the Assembly bylaws requires that ten members come from the Assembly Board and provides that the remaining At-Large members may be Assembly Board members. It is proposed that Council Membership exclude persons that are currently members of the Assembly Board or Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, but include representatives of the business, educational, religious, and governmental interests of the community.

2. Council Fundraising. Currently, fundraising is carried out by the Assembly Task Forces even though the current Assembly bylaws do not contain a provision for this action. No oversight or coordination is provided by the Council or the Assembly. It is proposed that all fundraising events be approved by the Council Executive Committee prior to initiation and that the Council have oversight and coordination responsibilities for all fundraising conducted in the name of the Southwest Community Council.

Community Meeting

Buzzard Point/Near Southeast: Vision 2020

Saturday, May 16, 1992
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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SWCC OFFICERS ELECTED

On Thursday, April 9, 1992, the Council met at St. Matthew's Church, 222 M St, SW at 8:15 PM, with New Officers elected:

President - Margaret Feldman
First Vice President - John Brown
Second Vice President - Thelma Jones
Secretary - Dale MacIver
Treasurer - Lonnie Murray

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am a 69 year old foreigner and Southwest resident, and in spite of having read the March, 1992 letter, "A Concerned Friend", I continued shopping or just going for a walk one at Southwest Mall. I was never afraid of anything.

On Thursday, March 27, around Noon me, I decided to go to the Southwest Library. I decided to call a neighbor who, along with her husband, were coming to visit me and I used the room right in front of the library. There were three girls between 18 and 20 years old playing close by. There were also a lot of people around the area as well as a hot-dog vendor right across from the library. All of a sudden, one of the girls pulled out a gun from her jacket and asked me to give her my money.

Since I was talking on the phone, at first didn't think she was addressing me, but when I saw the gun I realized what was going on. I never carry a purse with me, and all I had was my change purse, which I started to give her when all of a sudden (and out of nowhere) a gentleman appeared and struggled with the girl

trying to take her revolver away from her. That is when I was finally able to cry for help and run into the library. The library employees called the police.

I want to thank and commend not only the mall security police, the Metropolitan Police, who immediately showed up to assist and protect me in a most efficient way, but also to those persons who were there at the time and came to help me as well. One of the officers gave me his card (Mr. R.C. Chase, Badge No. 531) to call on him if I should need his services, and to him, I wish to thank for coming to the aid of a person in danger.

The friend to whom I was talking on the phone at the time of the hold-up came to assist me and took me home.

In the April, 1992 Southwester, I read that at a recent Southwest Citizens meeting, the Metropolitan Police informed them that our neighborhood has one of the lowest crime rates in the city. That is wonderful to know and I congratulate those in charge of trying to keep our area safe, though after this horrible experience and even not knowing if the gun was real or not, I will never go out alone.

Eida Gutierrez

KEYS WITHOUT GUIDANCE

by Julia Brown

When I was 7 years old my father said to me, "You are tall enough now to open the door with a key." So he gave me my own set of keys to the door, so I would not have to have a babysitter. I saw my father in the morning, when he would get me ready for school. Because he worked at night (3 P.M. to 11 P.M.), had no one there for guidance when I came home from school in the evening--only food on the stove and the TV set. I would play outside until other kids' parents called them to come home. And when there was no one for me to stay with, I would go in the house.

I lived that way until I became 16 years old. When I became 13, I was pregnant, and I had my first child 3 days after I turned 14. My mother took me down to the WELFARE OFFICE to get a check for me and my first child. Just as my father gave me a key to the door, the WELFARE OFFICE gave me a check every month, WITHOUT GUIDANCE. I was free to have a baby whenever I wanted to, and to take my birth control if I wanted to.

When I became 16 years old, the lady downstairs in the apartment under us moved out; my father went back down to the WELFARE OFFICE and told them he got me my own apartment, and could they let the check and food stamps come directly to me. So the WELFARE OFFICE made me an emancipated minor, giving me another set of keys WITHOUT GUIDANCE. I was free to have company when I wanted to, as long as I wanted to and still have a key when I wanted to.

I have five daughters; only one of them is a child, and she is on WELFARE. The other keys have been passed on to her WITHOUT GUIDANCE. She has the freedom to do as long as she wants to, at her convenience, with your money. She can stop taking her birth control pills when she wants to and have another child. The WELFARE OFFICE will give her another key, which is raising her check and food stamps, still WITHOUT

GUIDANCE.

My daughter had her 3rd child July 30, 1990. It was a boy; she took good care of him keeping him clean and showing him off to friends. Each month she was able to receive a key, which is your money, but she never took the baby to the clinic. I never knew how much my grandson weighed after she left the hospital. The WELFARE OFFICE never knew that she was not taking the baby to the clinic, but she received your money each month and had a Medicaid card.

My grandson died November 13, 1990 of crib death. During the time that she was pregnant, she did not go to the clinic for prenatal care, but the WELFARE OFFICE kept sending her your money each month WITHOUT GUIDANCE.

The WELFARE OFFICE gave me a key just like my father did, WITHOUT GUIDANCE and passed the key on to my children. If they don't want to go to school or do anything positive, they can get pregnant and go down to the WELFARE OFFICE and get keys for as many children as they want to have.

The DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING also gives out keys. Each time you have a baby you are entitled to a larger apartment and, if you are on WELFARE, the same freedom to sleep and not do anything positive. That is what's keeping the waiting list so long. Please, TAXPAYERS, see if you can give some GUIDANCE along with the keys that are being passed on to our children.

THE DRUG LORDS saw, and that is why they were able to and are able to destroy so many of our children. Because they saw the WELFARE OFFICE give money and a place to live to teenagers and women WITHOUT GUIDANCE, so the DRUG LORDS were able to move in and be fully accepted by children and a lot of women that have no GUIDANCE.

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DENTAL MYTHOLOGY VS. THE TRUTH

by Michael J. Teitler, D.D.S. and Mary I
Callanan, D.D.S.

Myth: going to the dentist hurts.
Truth: we are closer to painless than eve
before.

Myth: if it doesn't hurt it can wait.
Truth: cavities and infections often don't
hurt-waiting only makes it worse.

Myth: my parents lost some, most, or al
of their teeth by the time they were my age an
they survived just fine with false teeth.

Truth: today's dentistry enables teeth t
last a lifetime. Dentures, no matter how we
made, are poor substitutes for natural teeth
Myth: it's just a baby tooth, why fill
since it will fall out soon anyway?

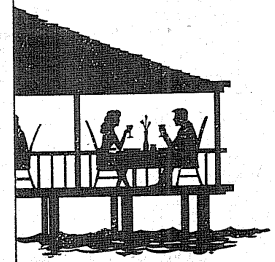
Truth: baby teeth play an important rol
in preparing the mouth for the permanent teeth
they need to be kept healthy.

Myth: my gums have bled off and on fr
years-isn't that normal?

Truth: bleeding gums are a sign of di
ease-healthy gums never bleed.

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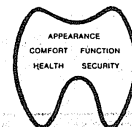


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CARRON BAPTIST CHURCH PRAISING THE LORD

By Donna Alston

Carron Baptist church, First Street S.W. between N and O St. S.W. held their 64th anniversary recently. It was a joyous occasion marked by the gospel preaching of Pastor Rev. Lester Allen and Rev. Timothy Bruno. Rev. Bruno formerly the assistant pastor at Second Baptist Church S.W., was the morning guest speaker. The stirred up congregation heard him caution the saints to remain steadfast. His dynamic delivery exhilarated everyone.

Graduating from Howard University, Rev. Bruno charisma reminds you of Martin Luther King. He is a God filled spirited man who has affiliations with many youth programs and outreach projects.

Rev. Bruno has just been selected to pastor his own church, Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church in Northwest. Southwest sends the best wishes for Rev. Bruno and encourages Carron Baptist Church to continue pouring out blessings.

VAN NESS TRAILBLAZERS LEND A HAND

The Trailblazers is a boys' club organized and sponsored by Ms. Benita Nicholson, Chapter 1 teacher, with assistance from her aide, Ms. Vanessa D. Noise. The boys range in age from 7 to 13 and are in grades 2 to 4. They meet weekly and participate in numerous activities from camping to community involvement.

One of the Trailblazers community involvement activities was a pledge to Martha's Table (a soup kitchen) of 100 school staff, students and parents. The school's response was so overwhelming that the boys were able to prepare 273 sandwiches (ham and cheese,ologna, tuna, and peanut butter and jelly) and purchase over 100 cans of juices. All of these were donated to Martha's Table.


Club members Tyrone Barrett, Duane Adams, James Augburn, Victor Augburn, Antoine Smith, Andre Wallace, Gregory Tanback, Andrew Rhodes, Maurice Rhodes, Calvin Webb and Kevin Webb, along with volunteers LaFayia Coates and Shyrinn Rhodes, worked several hours after school preparing the sandwiches. Several non-club students who felt that they had not contributed enough volunteered to join the effort. They pitched in making sandwiches, wrapping sandwiches, washing dishes, and carrying boxes.

The sandwiches were delivered on Friday, March 27. The boys were so touched after their visit to Martha's Table that they are asking if they may now pledge 500 sandwiches to help meet the Table's daily goal of 3,000 sandwiches.

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ST. MATTHEW'S RUMMAGE SALE

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, located at 3rd and M Streets, SW, will hold its semi-annual rummage sale on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A variety of items will be available for sale including adult and children's clothing, household items, kitchenware, live flowers and plants, and baked goods. Contribution of any of these items would be very much appreciated. To contribute, please contact Lula Green, phone 301-630-9296.

Soup, chili, hot dogs, doughnuts, coffee and sodas will be served.

Thanks to the many people in the Southwest community who have participated in previous rummage sales at St. Matthew's!

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH 67TH ANNIVERSARY

Second Baptist Church, First and M Streets, S.W., observed its 67th anniversary this past April. The event also marked the 18th anniversary of Rev. Joseph Franklin as pastor. Rev. Carl Jenkins, pastor of Dale City Christian Church, was the guest speaker of the prayer breakfast which kicked off the anniversary. The theme for the week long celebration was: "We are building on a sure foundation".


Other activities included a Charter member Recognition Service with guest preacher Rev. C. Wallace Smith, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church; First Family night with guest minister Rafe Taylor, Mt. Airy Baptist Church; Youth Nite with Rev. Milton Carter of Revival Temple Full Gospel Church, and Church Nite pastored by Rev. Columbus Watson of Beulah Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA.

The spiritual festivities concluded with a luncheon at the Greenbelt Marriott. Rev. Joseph Franklin, and his congregation, were extremely pleased and already are looking forward to next year.

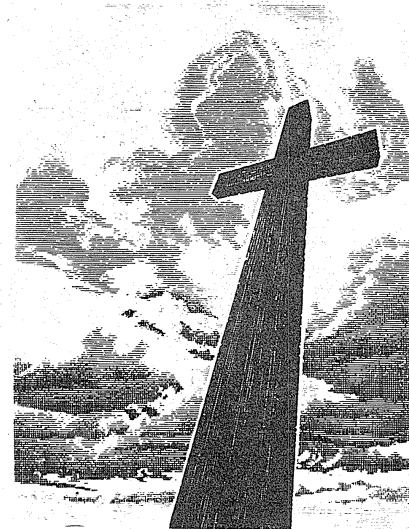
AARP - HEALTH FAIR

On Saturday, April 25, the Southwest chapter of AARP and D.C. General Hospital will be having a Health Fair at Riverpark, 1311 Delaware Ave. The hours are 11 to 4. If you've been postponing getting tests, come out and get them all done for free. There will be exams of all types; vision-Glaucoma, hearing, blood pressure, Diabetes, Sickle Cell, feet, teeth, cholesterol, and prostate. When you are finished being tested, come and look at the exhibits - Mammogram, healthy eating, HIV & AIDs, and breast cancer.

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Sundays 8 & 11 a.m.
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JEFFERSON JR. HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A./COMSAT HEALTH FAIR

Jefferson Jr. High School will be the site of a Health Fair on May 20, 1992 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Free testing and screening for blood pressure, cholesterol, dental, vision and hearing, and lung capacity will be available. Other featured professionals will instruct in areas of aerobics and fitness, nutrition, health risk appraisal, and family therapy. Workshop topics include AIDS Awareness, Teen Sexuality and Stress Management for adults and teens. All Jefferson Junior High and other southwest students, parents and community members are encouraged to attend. Jefferson Junior High is located at 7th and H Streets, SW. For more information please call Ms. Dayle Hall at (202) 724-4881.

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The Raylettes christen the new Potomac Spirit.

REFURBISHED "POTOMAC SPIRIT" CRUISE SHIP

On April 13, 1992, the Diet Pepsi Raylettes [those 'Uh-Huh' girls], traded in cans of soda pop for magnums of champagne as they christened the 145-foot Potomac Spirit, a newly refurbished charter harbor cruised ship.

The upgraded Potomac Spirit is one of two harbor cruise ships operated by Spirit Cruises, Inc. from Pier 4 at the D.C. Waterfront. The ship, which is the former Spirit of Mount Vernon, and its docking area, received a quarter million dollar facelift over the past three months to go with its new name. This newest influx of funding brings the total D.C. Waterfront area reinvestment by Spirit to over \$1.5 Million over the past two years, which includes the addition of a new ship in 1991.

The christening capped a full day of activities that included the Potomac Spirit's inaugural cruise to Mount Vernon for the unveiling of a new exhibition area, "George Washington: Pioneer Farmer", and a dockside walk-thru and luncheon in Alexandria at the City Dock. The 7:30 P.M. christening was the concluding event to a Pier Party held on Pier 4 at the D.C. Waterfront.

C.S.T.A. INC. OFFICERS

C.S.T.A. Inc., the tenants association for Channel Square Apartments (325 P Street, S.W.), recently swore in its newly-elected officers for the 1992-93 term. They are: Marzella Morrissey, President; Stanley Williams, Vice President; Bonnie Staley, Secretary; Denise Ingram, Assistant Secretary; Ruth Ramsey, Treasurer; Josephine Godfrey, Assistant Treasurer; and Wells Murray, Sergeant-at-Arms. In addition, Frances Medina was appointed as the Prayer Leader.

A concern about the future of Channel Square, which also includes townhouses on both 3rd and 4th Streets, motivated almost 40 tenants to attend the Annual Meeting. Special thanks to the Nominating Committee for their efforts in helping to promote and encourage participation in the election process. Nominating Committee members were Debra Fowler, Rebecca Gray, Thelma Jones (chairperson), Connie Miles and Juanita Tribble.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK AT SOUTH- EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Southeastern University is presenting International Week. The kick-off will be an Fashion Show on Saturday, May 16, 1992, 3:30 p.m. at the Southeastern University Gymnasium.

The Fashion Show will consist of models from the Southeastern University student body. All are welcome to come. Admission is absolutely free. For further information, contact the Student Government Association or Student Services at 488-8162.

A schedule of International Week events:

- Monday, May 18 - African Day
- Tuesday, May 19 - American Day
- Wednesday, May 20 - Middle East Day
- Thursday, May 21 - Asian Day

ODOR HOTLINE

Remember the Letter to the Editor regarding the odor from the fish market and from Blue Plain Sewage Plant? Mrs. Greta Frankenfild has been very active on both of these issues. She lives at Harbour Square and has had an official of the DC Government speak to the people in her complex. Anyone wishing to call the DC Sewage and Odor Hot Line, the number is 767 8424.

MARKET DAY IS A FRIENDSHIP HOUSE EVENT

Market Day 1992 will be held on Sunday May 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 7th Street, SE at Pennsylvania Avenue, in front of Eastern Market. The rain date is May 17. Market Day raises funds for Friendship House programs.

Festivities will include unique arts and craft vendors, exciting foods, musical entertainment from the Navy Topside Combo and other groups, an All-City Basketball Tournament, Children's Rides and Games, and fun for all. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Congresswoman Representative of the District of Columbia, has agreed to act as an Honorary Chair of Friendship House Market Day 1992.

Friendship House offers programs and services to needy people. Many Friendship House clients are destitute, hungry and near-homeless. Through programs designed to encourage independence, Friendship House helps the people to become self-sufficient members of society.

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Tashia Monique Alston makes the honor list consistently. She is the tender age of seven. She is soft spoken yet firm in her convictions. Tashia indicates that she knows studying is important and good grades will be her pay.

Currently Tashia attends Longfield Elementary School. Last year she attended Oakdale Elementary School last year. She is doing excellent at her new school.

Tashia enjoys bicycling with her neighborhood friends and is preparing for a talent recital in June. The recital has her finitely excited. The SOUTHWESTER congratulates Tashia on a job well done and wishes her good luck in the future.

INTERNATIONAL SPRING GALA AT WILSON HIGH

Ethnic food, music and dancing from many lands, and an international gift boutique will be features of the annual Wilson High School International Spring Gala, Friday, May 1, from 5:30 to 9:30 PM at the school, Chesapeake at 140th Streets, NW.

Admission is \$2 (\$1 students and seniors), with items of food and drink ranging from 50 cents to \$2.00.

The annual fundraiser is sponsored by the Wilson Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), which makes grants to two dozen student art, music, athletic and class activities to enrich the educational program at Wilson.

For more information, contact Theresa Nier, 829-7589, or Jackie Cole, 291-5016.

T.L.C. Visits Bowen Elementary School

The singing group T.L.C. [Tionne (T-Z) Watkins, Lisa (Left-Eye) Lopes and Zond (Chilli) Thomas] visited Bowen on April 19, 1992. Students were thrilled by Raps on aying in School and Building Self-Esteem."



Jefferson Jr. H. Melissa Morgan won
Cluster II Washington Informer
10th Annual Spelling

TWO TRIPS - JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

"What did you do this Spring?" will be a question heard around Jefferson High School. The school has two exciting trips underway right now. One is a trip to London, Paris and Berlin. It left DC on April 17 and will return from Berlin on April 26. There are 29 students and 7 adults on this tour. The other trip is a Cross-country rail tour. It was from April 16 to April 27.

The highlights of the American trip are Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, and Tijuana. All 32 students and 4 parents were very busy seeing mountains, desert and 18 states.

We hope that both trips are very successful and that the Southwester hears from some students who were on the tours. If so, we'll report about the adventures.

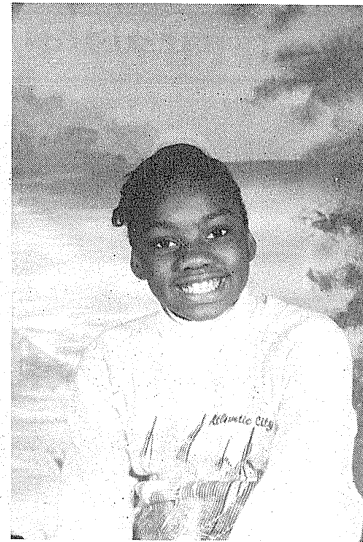
"ANNIE SPRING INTO ELLINGTON"

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts' student body presents a new Black Adaptation of "ANNIE" in the school's fully professional theater. Evening performances will be held at 7:30 on Thursday, April 30, Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th.

Directed from the African American perspective, "ANNIE" erupts on Ellington's Stage with greed, corruption, love and hope.

Raquis Petree, a sixteen year old junior & a dance major, conceived this innovative approach to the "Broadway Hit", and one year ago staged such a production at Howard University. Deidre Neal, a D.C. native and a Vassar graduate, choreographed this rendition of "ANNIE".

Song writer, musician and singer Keyth Lee augments an already wonderful score with tunes of pure happiness. Together, this dynamic trio restages the production as it relates to the experiences of young African Americans and our urban society. So come "Strut" into spring at Ellington!! Call: 202-282-0123

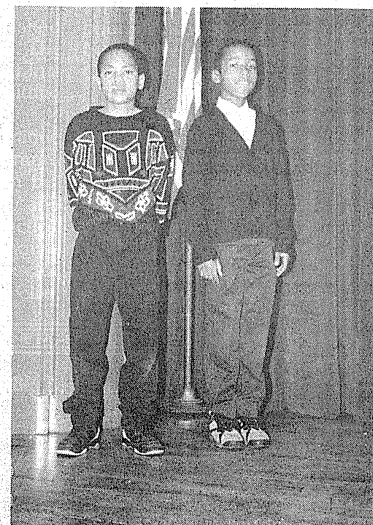


Tara Johnson

VAN NESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINS FOREIGN LANGUAGE FESTIVAL

VAN Ness Elementary students won the DCPS Annual Foreign Language Festival held at Banneker High School. This is the second year in a row that Van Ness Elementary School has won the top three awards in the contest. CONGRATULATIONS !!

Tara Johnson (Grade 4) - 1st place winner
Brian Humphrey (Grade 4) - 2nd place winner
Pierre Mays (Grade 3) - 3rd place winner



L-R: Brian Humphrey
and Pierre Mays

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SOUTHWESTER SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE



L-R Melanie Marshall, Cecilia Marshall, Mrs. Thurgood Marshall and Marie Blanco sing praise at St. Augustine's Church.

Civil Rights Revisited: A Focus on Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall

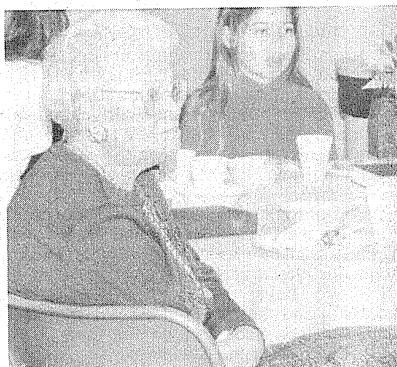
by Thelma D. Jones

A capacity crowd attended a potluck luncheon and program on Sunday, March 15, on "The Civil Rights Revisited" at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. The program which focused on Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African American Justice on the Supreme Court who was appointed in 1967. Memories were shared about the Civil Rights struggle as seen through the eyes of Alice Stovall, former Officer Manager to Justice Marshall; and Gloria Branker, former member of the staff.

Complemented with reference material and videos, the two speakers gave some witty and keen remarks in response to numerous thought-provoking questions posed by emcee Thelma Jones and members of the audience. In addition, there was a photo exhibit, prepared by a local Southwest architect, which chronicled Justice Marshall's life from a student at Lincoln University to his receiving his oath of office as the first African American Solicitor General from former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The highlight of the discussion resulted from a question posed by the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Cobb, former Chairman of the Commission for Racial Justice. The question concerned the lack of awareness of Associate Justice Marshall's outstanding contributions to this country, especially among youths. This inspired a commitment from St. A's members who participated in the program to foster an awareness of Justice Marshall and his many and various contributions, beginning in the 1930s, to youth, especially in the metropolitan schools.

Special guests at the program included Mrs. Thurgood Marshall, daughter-in-law Jean Marshall, grandchildren Meanie and Cecilia and cousin Marie Blanco.



Alice Stovall, program keynote speaker



Gloria Branker leads prayer



Thurgood Marshall in his youth is shown here and front page, second row 2nd from the right.

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